

AN ORDINANCE **101222**

CHANGING CITY POLICY IN THE METHOD OF EUTHANIZATION USED BY ANIMAL CARE SERVICES TO EUTHANIZATION BY INJECTION; DIRECTING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE CHANGE IN CITY POLICY AND COMPLETE SAID CHANGE BY OCTOBER 17, 2005; RETROFITTING OF AN EXISTING BUILDING, CAPITAL OUTLAY, SUPPLIES AND TRAINING OF STAFF; AND ADOPTING A TWO MONTH MORATORIUM IN PICKING UP OWNED AND UNWANTED ANIMALS FROM THEIR HOMES.

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WHEREAS, Animal Care Services (ACS) reports that in 2004, there were 53,497 impoundments of animals at its facility; and

WHEREAS, of the total number of impoundments in 2004, 42,322 animals were euthanized by gas and 1,949 were euthanized by injection, representing an 83% rate of euthanization; and

WHEREAS, of the number of impoundments in 2004, 17,000 animals were owner-surrendered, 8,600 of which were surrendered from the owners' homes; and

WHEREAS, ACS currently uses two euthanization methods, namely, filtered carbon dioxide for the general population of animals and euthanasia by injection for smaller animals less than sixteen weeks of age and for larger animals with upper respiratory compromised systems; and

WHEREAS, ACS proposes to change its process for euthanization of animals whereby euthanization by injection will be used exclusively, and proposes to complete this change in process by October 17, 2005; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this task, it is necessary to retrofit an existing building, incur capital outlay expenses and train staff, with potential use of temporary staff support; and

WHEREAS, in order to enable ACS to change the process of euthanization within the proposed timeline and to allow for better management of the animal population on a daily basis, it is necessary to adopt a two month moratorium in picking up owned and unwanted animals from their homes; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. It is hereby established that the method of euthanization used by Animal Care Services shall be changed to euthanization by injection exclusively, and City policy is hereby amended to reflect such change. City staff is hereby directed to implement this change in the method of euthanization and complete said change by October 17, 2005.

SECTION 2. A two month moratorium in the City performing the task of picking up owned and unwanted animals from their homes is hereby adopted and approved and City staff is hereby authorized to put into effect this moratorium for the period of time set forth herein.

SECTION 3. Funds are available in the FY05 budget. No fiscal impact.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective on and after August 28, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of August, 2005.

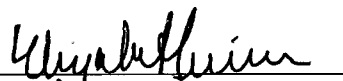

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ATTEST:


ASSISTANT City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

Agenda Voting Results

Name: 7.

Date: 08/18/05

Time: 05:53:08 PM

Vote Type: Multiple selection

Description: An Ordinance changing City policy in the method of euthanization used by Animal Care Services to euthanization by injection; directing staff to implement the change in City policy and complete said change by October 17, 2005; retrofitting of an existing building, capital outlay, supplies and training of staff; and adopting a two month moratorium in picking up owned and unwanted animals from their homes, as requested by Mayor Phil Hardberger. [Presented by Sam Sanchez, Animal Care Administrator; Frances A. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager]

Voter	Group	Status	Yes	No	Abstain
ROGER O. FLORES	DISTRICT 1	Not present	x		
SHEILA D. McNEIL	DISTRICT 2				
ROLAND GUTIERREZ	DISTRICT 3		x		
RICHARD PEREZ	DISTRICT 4		x		
PATTI RADLE	DISTRICT 5		x		
DELICIA HERRERA	DISTRICT 6		x		
ELENA GUAJARDO	DISTRICT 7		x		
ART A. HALL	DISTRICT 8		x		
KEVIN WOLFF	DISTRICT 9		x		
CHIP HAASS	DISTRICT_10		x		
MAYOR PHIL HARDBERGER	MAYOR		x		